

Labor Will Have to 'Step On It': Registration Will Close Thurs., April 6

Because of the Legislature's recent action in combining the May and August primaries in order to facilitate the soldier vote, Organized Labor has a real job ahead in the next few weeks to get its membership registered. April 6 is the closing day in order to

vote at the combined presidential and state primaries Tuesday, May 16. It is estimated that several hundred thousand AFL and CIO unionists in California either are not registered or are improperly registered. And this job must be done in approximately EIGHT WEEKS!

There is no time for stalling—it's a real job that confronts us. Unions should IMMEDIATELY take steps to canvass all members with deputy registrars, and to adopt resolutions imposing stiff fines on all who can legally register and who do not. Every union

must have a special REGISTRATION COMMITTEE to function AT ONCE. California's contribution to the cause of liberalism and progressivism in this country DEPENDS on rallying the powerful labor vote. So put this registration job ahead of everything else!



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LABOR LEGISLATIVE GROUP HOLDS RALLY AT SALINAS; SOLDIER VOTE LAW URGED

Nearly 100 labor leaders, veterans and liberals from throughout Monterey County gathered at the new Teamsters Hall in Salinas last Sunday afternoon for a labor legislative meeting at which the scope of the program was enlarged to include not only the AFL groups but also CIO, railroad brotherhoods and independent unions.

Highlight of the meeting was a unanimous action to send telegrams to congressmen and senators urging their support for a bill which will assure soldiers their right to vote, whether through a federal ballot or by state absentee ballot.

HAGGERTY SPEAKS

C. J. ("Neil") Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, was principal speaker for the meeting, discussing the necessity of labor members to register and vote to maintain economic standards. He stressed the fact that, if all vote, the state federation affiliated unions can muster 3,000,000 votes in California, enough votes to swing any state election.

Buck Haeussler, secretary of the Santa Barbara Central Labor Union, represented that section of the 11th congressional district, told of the legislative programs of unions there, and spoke in behalf of Congressman George E. Outland, seeking re-election.

VETERANS ACTIVE

Fred Beckholt, Carmel publisher, spoke briefly on labor history and committee problems. Dr. Dorman, a liberal Republican, urged labor legislation programs to improve compensation laws and commended the State Federation's post-war planning program.

"Just a Minute"

Washington, D. C.
Special to C. L. Press

In another of his "one-minute talks," Congressman George E. Outland demonstrated his ability to get things said, then sit down. Cited from the dusty sittings of the Congressional Record, is the following, which for subject matter and manner of delivery, speaks for itself. Scene: House of Representatives.

Mr. Outland. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The Speaker pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. Outland. Mr. Speaker, in time of national emergency such as we are now going through, the American people turn to their Congress for leadership and for guidance more than is the case in normal times. They look to us for intelligent, calm advice, free from passion and prejudice. We have the heavy responsibility of weighing tremendous issues, issues which will certainly affect the lives of not only the Americans of this generation, but those of generations yet to come.

In this time of crisis it is up to us to set the example for others in justice, in fair play, and in encouraging a national rather than a sectional point of view. What must the American people think when they read that our President has been denounced and his family unjustly mocked on the floor of this House? What must they think about our American ideals when we devote time here for discussion of things which only serve to create additional disunity; such things as religious differences, economic differences? These things should be minimized at all times in a democratic society; in time of war they must be. I sincerely hope, and I know that the great majority of the Members on both sides of the aisle join with me in hoping that in the future we can keep such petty and personal prejudices out of our discussion here, and devote our undivided attention to the tremendous issues that are facing us.

Farmer-Labor Group Scores Senate Action

San Jose, California

Charging that livestock and dairymen, prune and raisin growers, and producers of California's war essential fruit and vegetable canning crops were being discriminated against, while the Senate Banking and Currency Committee singled out for special favors sugar beet growers, feed wheat producers, and farmers in limited areas who specialized in oil crop production, the California Farmer-Labor Consumer Committee to Combat Inflation called on milk producers and mothers of children whose milk costs will immediately rise should such a measure be passed, to let their voices ring in the Halls of Congress in protest against such attacks on one section of the farming population, and the entire consuming public.

The statement was made following the opening meeting in the 1944 drive of the State Committee to Combat Inflation. Reporting at the meeting, which took place at the DeAnza Hotel recently, Maurice Howard, Executive Secretary, told the Executive Committee and invited guests that more than a quarter of a million members of farm, cooperative, civic and labor organizations were already officially enrolled in support of the Committee's seven-point program.

Although County Committees are functioning as yet in only four areas: San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, and Fresno Counties, requests for thousands of copies of the Committee's "Statement of Principles and Program" are coming into the office in San Jose from all over the state, according to Mr. Howard. In addition to the state A. F. of L. and C.I.O., the Palo Alto, San Jose, Hayward and Berkeley Consumers Cooperative societies, the Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union with headquarters in Fresno, the San Francisco Lawyers' Guild, and scores of local unions and individual farmers, churchmen, leaders of civic organizations, and housewives have signed up "for the duration."

The Soviets drop the International in favor of a new 'arm' which contains no mention of Bolshevikizing the world or boring from within. Isolationists, eh?—"SENATOR SOAPER" IN THE CINCINNATI TIMES-STAR.

Swim-Health Beauty



Esther Williams, former swim champ, now a film starlet and member of Screen Actors Guild (AFL), has been selected the "1944 Swim-for-Health Week Girl." Nice, eh? (Federated Pictures.)

McNutt Charges Employer With Manpower Gyps

Chicago, Illinois

Employers in the nation's biggest industrial center have been guilty of all the manpower crimes in the book, Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt told the Executive Club of Chicago.

Employers have precipitated a manpower crisis in this area, McNutt said, by hoarding and pirating workers, by refusing to hire Negroes and other minority groups and by discriminating against women.

A committee of 18 to correct evils was named by the Manpower Commission. It includes Pres. John Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor, Pres. Samuel Levin of the Illinois Industrial Union Council; Paul Russo, United Auto Workers (CIO); Donald Burrows, Local 701, International Association of Machinists (AFL); Sec. Vic Olander of the Illinois Federation of Labor; and Frank J. Bender, regional director of the CIO.

Labor's Best Bet Is Still FD, Declares Connecticut Journal

The Union Times, organ of the Central Labor Union here, says editorially that labor's best bet is to support President Roosevelt and strengthen his hand against the reactionaries.

"Labor," the paper says, "must take its demands to the country for revision of the Little Steel formula and for a fair tax program. Without relaxing one minute our production for victory, we must show the union-busters and Tory congressmen that the country will no longer stand for their sabotage of national security."

Painters Ask AFL to Attend World Congress

New York City

Returns from a poll of local and district councils of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators (AFL) shows an overwhelming sentiment for participation of the AFL in the world labor congress in London June 5, Sec.-Treas. Louis Weinstock of District Council 9, said.

POLL-TAXERS DENOUNCED AS 'BETRAYERS'

Asheville, N. Carolina
Opposition of southern senators to poll tax repeal and to real soldier voter legislation was described by the executive board of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare as a betrayal of "the masses of southern people" by their own representatives.

The board, in a 2-day meeting at Black Mountain College, directed a letter to U. S. Sen. James A. Mead (D., N.Y.) asking him to lead the fight for cloture in debate on the poll tax legislation, and for passage of the bill, HR 7.

Southern railroads also came under attack in the board's statement, which charged them with defying "the free and equal opportunity" order of President Roosevelt's Fair Employment Practices Committee and urged action "to meet the challenge."

The statement advocated adoption of uniform nationwide classification of freight rates to end the discriminatory rate system now existing "which Vice-President Henry A. Wallace has recently said keeps the south in a colonial status, subservient to the monopoly money markets of the northeast."

Planning So Far Just Words, Says Wks. Agency Head

Chicago, Illinois

Urgency of post-war planning to provide jobs when 11,000,000 veterans and 16,000,000 war workers switch over to peacetime pursuits provided sparks when Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, head of the Federal Works Agency, clashed with Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago at the national conference of mayors here.

Fleming declared that post-war planning so far is just words and while there may be 1001 plans, actually neither industry nor government has taken a step toward providing jobs.

Kelly retorted that winning the war is 1001 times more important than any post-war plan, and derided Fleming's prediction that Hitler might be crushed by summer as just the personal opinion of one man.

Fleming attacked the type of planning sponsored by Pres. Eric A. Johnston of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce as doomed to failure. After it has failed and millions are jobless, Fleming charged, the Chamber of Commerce will dodge responsibility for its present claims that industry alone can assure mass employment after the war.

TWO-WEEK VACATION GRANTED TO BAKERS

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Two-week paid vacation after three years of service has been approved by the Regional War Labor Board at Philadelphia for 500 employees of the J. B. Carr Biscuit Company here on application of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union (AFL). It is a liberalization of the former policy of one-week vacation after a year of service.

A "Manual of Arms" In 25 Fighting Words

A succinct and moving expression of the spirit of the Yugoslav guerrilla fighter was given not long ago by a Yugoslav officer who was brought out of his country by plane to a United Nations air field. In a daring exploit, the transport plane had flown to a tiny air field in Yugoslavia to deliver supplies, and had made a hasty departure, taking the Yugoslav officer along. In answer to questions by Major J. A. Roth, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., as to how the guerrilla fighters manage to carry on, the Yugoslav officer summed up as follows:

"Our soldier receives his food from the people, takes his arms from the enemy and receives his pay in the honor of serving his country."

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NEW TEAMSTERS' HALL IN SALINAS DEDICATED BY WAREHOUSEMEN 890

Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas won the honor of being the first union to meet in the new Teamsters Hall in Salinas, holding a regular meeting on Thursday night of last week, at which time International Representative William Conboy of the Teamsters dedicated the new hall to organized labor's principles.

The hall, located at John and Main Streets in Salinas, will house offices of the teamsters, warehousemen, painters, culinary workers, bartenders, and possibly other crafts. Meetings will be held in the new hall by the central labor council and crafts with offices in the structure.

Conboy conducted the meeting for the Warehousemen's Union, talking of the functions of the new local and its responsibilities in the community. He talked of the importance of the dehydration plant under the war and urged that this plant continue in full operation regardless of any circumstances.

He installed new officers of Local 890 and admonished them to responsibilities.

Present at the meeting were George Jenott, executive secretary of Teamsters 287, through whose co-operation the new Teamsters Hall became possible; Thomas Brett, president of Teamsters 287; William G. Kenyon, secretary of the Salinas Labor Council; Louis Martin and Lester Caveny, officials of the Fish Cannery Workers Union, and others.

Peter Andrade, secretary of Warehousemen's Union 890, and L. R. ("Red") Carey, business agent for teamsters in Salinas, were praised for their efforts in behalf of the new hall.

ALONG CANNERY ROW (AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

Headquarters of the Fish Cannery Workers Union now are in the Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman Street, in New Monterey. Come up and see us!

Sister Rogers, who was ill in a hospital, is better now and has been returned to her home.

Kenneth Holt, who works at Hodven's, suffered a nasty injury when hit by a broken cable on the job recently. Brother Holt got a broken nose and spent a day and a half in a hospital. He's better now but it still bothers him a lot.

Incidentally, Brother Kenneth Holt suffered a harder blow shortly after being hit by the cable—he son, age 3, died suddenly.

Death last week claimed Leonard Trumbore, employee at the Carmel plant.

The executive board and the membership meetings all will be in the new hall henceforth. The union has two office rooms in the northwest corner of the building.

It's the end of the season—we close on February 15. The union hopes every plant has had success during the year.

Five canneries have indicated intention to continue packing during the summer, some with squid, some with small fish, summer pack or fancy pack. More details later.

The final membership meeting during this season was held last Wednesday night—were you there?

Lester Caveny and Louis Martin represent the union at meetings being held in Salinas on the labor legislative front, and they also went to the dedication of the new Teamsters Hall in Salinas.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT PLAN GIVES UNION VOICE IN FACTORY

Cleveland, Ohio

Through labor-management committees more than 300,000 workers in 140 plants in the Cleveland region have a direct say-so in a move to improve vital war production. Vice-President F. H. Sprague, of Laborers 272, was elected without opposition, and Bob Clinch of the State Employees, was elected vice-president.

AFL-CIO Start Forum On Economic Problem

Cleveland, Ohio

AFL and CIO unions here are sponsoring a series of forums on postwar economic problems with the cooperation of Western Reserve University, the Consumers League and the American Assn. of Social Workers.

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FEDERATION SHOWS ELECTION CALENDAR; QUICK ACTION NEED

By C. J. HAGGERTY
Secretary, State Federation of Labor

San Francisco, California

(CFLNL)—With the enactment into law by the special session of the State Legislature of the "War Voters Ballot Bill," the state August and May primary elections have been consolidated and the primary elections set for May 16, 1944. This automatically sets April 6, 1944, as the last date for the receipt of registrations.

As all of the unions in having the members of labor unions register, it is important to keep in mind that the time for registration has now been considerably shortened. It is, therefore, imperative for all the unions to concentrate their efforts on this registration program between now and April 6, in order that it may be successful.

We are listing below the election calendar for the year 1944, which sets forth the main events of concern to our unions and the voters. Unless there will be federal legislation to supersede the provisions in the present state law, we will be guided by the stipulations contained in the state law just passed. So that the unions will not be caught unprepared, and so that they will have an opportunity to get the maximum results from our present campaign, we suggest that they be guided by the regulations of the new state law.

EFFECTIVE FOR 1944

This measure is a wartime law and will be effective for the year of 1944, continuing in full force and effect for the entire year, even if the war should terminate prior to the end of the year.

We are submitting this information so that the unions will be able to revise their registration campaigns and make them as effective as possible within the short time that is now allowed.

PROPOSED ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1944

(May Presidential and August Primary Consolidated on May 16, 1944)

Consolidated Election

Feb. 7-11—Judicial Offices. File Declaration of Intention.

Feb. 7-14—Apportionment County Central Committee.

Feb. 9—Delegates to National Convention. Number. Last day to notify Secretary of State.

Feb. 16—Naturalization—Last day to be naturalized or otherwise become a citizen in order to register.

Feb. 16—Nomination Papers—First day to leave for filing.

Feb. 16—Offices to be Voted on—Secretary of

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TRUE DEMOCRACY

Article IV, Section IV of the Constitution of the United States begins: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government...." But no statement guaranteeing every citizen the right to vote appears anywhere in the Constitution. Each state prescribes the qualifications for voting, except that no citizen shall be disqualified by reason of race, color, previous conditions of servitude, or sex.

However, if some state should decide that no one should vote unless he were a college graduate, a taxpayer on ten thousand dollars worth of property, a Baptist, or unless he were forty years of age, such a law would be unconstitutional.

About the only provision approaching a reference to democracy is in the preamble. Leaving out other phrases, the preamble would read like this:—We, the people of the United States, in order... to promote the general welfare... do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.

The word "general" derives from the Latin "genus", meaning birth. The welfare of every person born in the lands governed by our constitution—the Navajo papoose born in a tent in the desert, the Eskimo born in an igloo, the pickaninny born in a rough shack on Tobacco Road, as well as the darling of aristocracy born in the shade of the elms of Boston—that is the *general* welfare.

When the conditions are such that every adult is educated and trained to an understanding of the problems of government, is given full opportunity to express his will at the polls, we may approach what we call democracy—and not before. Our Constitution does not guarantee democracy—doesn't even name it.

FOUNDING FATHERS—AND "TITO"

"The colonial system grew by degrees into a regime based strictly on wealth and land. There was not a trace of democracy in it."

"The propertied class were the rulers of every community. The lower orders were held in subjection by laws and ordinances that were nothing less than brutal."

"It was only as the revolution approached that these unenfranchised elements wrested political control from the class of propertied freemen, largely by illegal, violent and terroristic methods."

The reader may think that the above quotations from an authoritative historical work apply to the situation in Yugoslavia where the followers of Josip Broz ("Tito"), are establishing a new government. No, they were written concerning the condition of the "common man" of the American colonies in 1775.

But the quotations are applicable to conditions in Yugoslavia. The land is owned and held in large tracts by the so-called nobility and people of wealth and leisure. The peasants are serfs. Comparatively few, not land-owners, can be called freemen. The products of the land are sold abroad and the workers are held down to a subsistence level. There are, of course, a few peasant land-owners. The people are intelligent, handsome and deserving of all good things.

And now, like our ancestors—the "founding fathers"—they have "wrested control... largely by illegal, violent and terroristic methods." God bless 'em!

THE BORGIAS REPENT

The Opium Research Committee of the Foreign Policy Association announces that the Netherlands and the British governments both have recently announced that their government monopoly system of the raising and sale of opium for smoking will end in their Far Eastern territories when again under their control.

These governments have used these monopolies as a source of income for many, many years—to the great detriment of the people governed. Perhaps the world will grow better!

WE JOIN THE CARTEL

Pre-war rubber monopoly of India-Britain and the Netherlands has been joined by the big rubber interests of the United States, and a new, larger, and more powerful cartel is to be formed. This is the "free enterprise" the big shots talk about!

NOTE FOR NERVOUS G. O. P.'S.

A summary of public polls on the Presidents' chances of winning an election to a fourth term is greatly in favor of a Roosevelt victory. No wonder Republicans and poll-taxers don't like that federal soldier-vote plan!

Seversky says we can lick Germany with air-power alone. Tedder says we can't. General Marshall says we can't. General Eisenhower says we can't. Joe Stalin says we can't. If we had enough planes, enough pilots and enough good weather, Seversky's theory might work out in a couple of years. But we can't fool around with Germany while we still have the Jap job ahead. All the more reason, then, for that long over-due all-out second front at the earliest possible date.

Cost of Living Up 43 Percent, Laborites Say

Washington, D. C.—Living costs have skyrocketed 43.5% since Jan. 1941, almost twice the 23.4% figure advanced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics cost of living index, the AFL and CIO reported jointly here.

The report was signed by Pres. R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers (CIO) and AFL Sec-Treas. George Meany, labor members of the National War Labor Board subcommittee appointed by President Roosevelt more than 3 months ago to study the cost of living.

Pointing out a discrepancy of 28.5 per cent between the actual cost of living and the 15 per cent wage adjustment allowed under Little Steel formula, the report found that "as a matter of essential justice and practical necessity" wages should be adjusted upward by at least that amount.

INJUSTICE TO WORKERS

Soile reliance on the BLS index as a basis for wage adjustments during the war period, the report said, "will result in continued serious injustice to wage earners and lower-salaried workers." Failure of the BLS index to reflect actual increases is due to 5 main deficiencies, it said:

1—Food prices have gone up 40.2 per cent, according to the BLS index. Actual figure is 74.2 per cent. Not only does index fail to cover a sufficient number of food items, but those not listed are the ones not affected by OPA price control and subsidies. . . . "Prices of foods not priced by BLS have risen twice as fast as prices of the priced foods," the report said. Other factors include failure to take quality deterioration and upgrading into account, failure to note absence of week-end sales, and failure to note price ceiling violations.

2—Clothing prices have gone up 72.2 per cent since 1941, more than double the 33.7 per cent figure shown in the BLS index. The index ignores disappearance of cheaper items and the shift to higher priced lines. This is most striking in clothing, said the report, and is also a large factor in house furnishings, food and housing.

3—Rents have increased 15 per cent between January 1941 and December 1943, the report said. According to the index, the increase is only 3 per cent.

LITTLE LUTHER

"It's unthinkable, that's what it is," said Mr. Dilworth, glancing up angrily from The Evening Intolerant-Standard.

"Wassa matter, Pop?" inquired Luther. "Did someone ask for a 2c wage increase?"

"No. It's something far worse than that."

"Oh, a 3c increase."

"Don't be sarcastic with me, young man. You know there are many things worse than wage increases."

"Oh, they would have believed me all right—if it hadn't been for those reds."

"What reds?"

"Oh, the negotiating committee."

"Was it red?"

"Certainly. Didn't you hear them talk? They said that wage increases geared to the cost of living were in line with their win-the-war program."

"Well, what's the matter with that?"

"It's red. Whenever you hear somebody talking about a win-the-war program, just say to yourself: That man's a red."

"But you told the committee that wage increases would interfere with the President's win-the-war program. Are you a red?"

"Certainly not!"

"Well, your face is."

"Do I have to go through life with such a stupid son?"

"And such a smart negotiating committee."

"Oh, they're not smart. They've just got a lot of people behind them."

"That's what Hitler said about the Russians."

"Where did I ever get such a son as you?"

"You told me it was down the rain spout."

"So I did. So I knew it was on a rainy day."

"Don't get sarcastic with me, Pop."

"No, my boy. I should be sad. The union is ruining me."

"But you were bragging the other day that you were making more money than ever before."

"Yes, but I've got to build up a post-war reserve. If I put all my profits into post-war reserves for myself and my family, where are the wage increases going to come from?"

"Maybe they'll come down the rain spout, Pop. Good night."

THE MARCH OF LABOR

IN MISSISSIPPI—A POLL-TAX STATE
15% OF STATE'S ELIGIBLE VOTERS
GO TO THE POLLS, WHILE IN WEST
VIRGINIA (NON-POLL-TAX) 83% OF
ELIGIBLE VOTERS VOTE.



THOUGH NEGROES CON-
STITUTE 9% OF OUR
POPULATION, THEY HAVE
GIVEN 16.1% OF ARMY VOLUNTEERS 1940-1

**IN 1941 75% OF THE MOTOR
VEHICLES OF THE WORLD
WERE PRODUCED IN THE
UNITED STATES.**



FOR QUALITY-CRAFTS-
MANSHIP-VALUE IN HATS
LOOK FOR THIS LABEL
UNDER THE SWEATBAND.



OUT OF DEBT, OUT OF DANGER, by Jerry Voorhis, New York: Devin-Adair Company. 238 pages. \$3.

"Money in any sane economy must be the ready means of moving from producer to consumer all the goods and services the producers can turn out if everyone is employed. Money should not be a factor which decides whether goods and services are to be moved from producer to consumer."

Jerry Voorhis hoists his flag and wades into the great monetary maelstrom, shooting from both hips. He establishes to my satisfaction the following points:

1. Modern money has cut loose from gold and now consists of currency and demand deposits, or "check money." The latter is by far the more important.

2. Our 15,000 commercial banks create check money as they please, limited only by "reserve requirements."

3. Thus, in effect, private bankers do the "coining" which the Constitution specifically delegated to congress.

4. Although this coining function is based on the credit of the whole people, the banks collect interest on it. The interests they will collect on war loans may amount to \$100,000,000,000.

5. Mr. Voorhis asks: why should not the people coin their own money as provided by the Constitution and save the interest? Why shouldn't we use our national credit to issue "costless money?"

6. The war has greatly aided our fiscal education by making it clear even to the people with low IQ's that money no longer need limit production. We can "afford" anything, up to the limit of our manpower and materials. Throughout the depression we were cursed with the contrary concept. We had a vast surplus of men and materials, but thought we could not "afford" to put them to work.

Mr. Voorhis does not give quite enough weight to this dynamic factor. It is usually safer to stimulate purchasing power by defrosting uninvested savings than by creating new dollars.

New money, however, is essential as production increases year by year, and Mr. Voorhis appears to have found the long-term answer to that one. He has also written a lively, readable, hard-hitting book—STUART CHASE

**Nobody's Worried About that Huge
War Debt Stacking Up, But How the
Tories Howled at Feeding Jobless!**

By "OBSERVER"

According to an estimate by President Roosevelt, in addition to all the war taxes we have paid, there will remain to be paid—a government bonded debt of \$258 billion. The annual interest on that amount will be about \$5 billion. This interest will amount to a tax of \$40 per capita, \$160 for the average family of four.

To reduce the debt \$5 billion a year will take fifty odd years. The annual interest, of course, will be gradually reduced, but it would amount to approximately \$130 billion. Principal AND interest will then be about \$388 billion—about \$8000 per capita.

Probably your great-grandchildren will have to finish the job. And oh yes, can any of you remember when we couldn't "afford" to give the unemployed \$52 a month for their work to keep them from starving?

**Real Cost of Living Has Gone Up
45%, CIO Notified Labor Bureau**

New York City

Sharply contradicting the figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor, the labor representatives of President Roosevelt's special commission investigating the cost of living reported in Washington that the rise is over 45 per cent and not 23 per cent as the federal agency claims.

The advance figures were announced here by CIO General Counsel Lee Pressman at a political action rally.

"Maybe they'll come down the rain spout, Pop. Good night."

GIGGLES AND GROANS

HIGH-RANKING INSTITUTION

In the spring of 1898 at the mobilization camp at Des Moines, Iowa, as in most of the camps of that fought in the war with Spain, the army latrine was nothing but a slit trench, a two-by-four, and barely enclosed. The result was overpowering.

The corporal of the guard posted his detail saw his colonel approaching and met him in front of this primitive structure. Instead of halting and saluting the colonel, he faced the sanitary accommodation and ordered: "Present arms!"

To the colonel's protest, he returned: "Well, this latrine outranks anything in camp."

The colonel was convulsed with laughter, waved his hand and said:

"On your way, soldier."

NATURAL INFERENCE

Little Tommy was greatly interested in his Sunday school lesson about how the Lord took a rib from Adam, and thus created a wife for him.

A few days later Tommy swiped a couple of green apples from the corner grocer and the resulting abdominal upset sent him scurrying for home. Holding his side, he said in a frightened voice:

"Dad, I think I'm going to have a wife!"

A DATE'S A DATE!

Excited female at a revival meeting: "Last night I was in the arms of the devil. Tonight I'm in the arms of the Lord."

Voice from the rear of the hall: "What are you doing tomorrow night, baby?"

COULDN'T BEAT THAT

"Speaking of Old Families," said the aristocrat of the party, "one of my ancestors was present at the signing of the Magna Charta."

"And one of mine," said Isadore Cohen, "was present at the signing of the Ten Commandments."

OLD ARMY RECIPE

First Soldier: "What kind of pie is this?"

Second Soldier: "What does it taste like?"

First Soldier: "Glue."

Second Soldier: "Then it's apple. The cherry

OF The People

Lies In Daily Press Confuse Soldier On Labor's War Role

By WILLIAM S. GAILMOR

Nothing is more disturbing to a sensitive civilian in wartime than the sight of an unhappy soldier "enjoying" a furlough. He walks the streets with a faraway look in his eye. He's vaguely conscious of a destination. But he's troubled by something else.

He's troubled by a certain brand of American who is busy, consciously, trying to give GI-Joe a wrong steer. He's irritated by that brand of American. But he thinks it's two whether they'll get to vote in 1944 or not. That some legislators are putting the old slogan about states' rights ahead of soldiers' rights.

Our boys can't figure it out. Since when are their rights as Americans to be determined by 48 sets of geographic lines, when the right to vote has always been the straight line of basic democracy—the shortest distance between the farthermost points of the nation?

It's all very confusing. And it's hard for the boys to get the real dope. One soldier told me how he used to go into the post library at his camp, every day, to read the papers from back home.

LIBRARY BANS "PM"

They're being told things, our soldier boys—being told that all labor unions care about is extra dough. That when the extra dough isn't forthcoming, workers don't wait an instant, but go out on strike, in droves. That labor doesn't givadom about producing steel and coal and munitions unless those raises come through, etc., etc.

A good many soldiers—one told me it's almost unanimous in their camp—take it for granted that we'll have to fight Russia after we finish off Hitler and Tojo. That Stalin is all set to gobble up and keep every inch of territory the Red Army crosses on the way to Berlin, and on detours, too.

BATTLE FOR VOTES

On top of that, soldiers are reading and hearing about the big battle going on in Congress over

EMPLOYMENT ITEMS

Of Special Interest To Union Labor and Business Agents

The War Production Board is trimming down its stockpiling of "critical" war materials. This will lessen the chances of sudden stoppage of some industries because of government "dumping" at the end of the war.

WPB is refusing at this time to relax its rules affecting new construction. Both labor and materials are available for an increase in building, but the WPB fears that a go-ahead order would create confusion. Summer will probably start new building.

According to plans, the mustering-out pay of the war forces will be about \$1 billion. A large part will go into homes.

Hendy Iron Works has discontinued its graveyard shift, releasing 300 men, part of whom may go on the other shifts as vacancies occur. A cut in many orders for engines and parts occasioned the change. The end of "over-time" is in sight. "Graveyards" will gradually disappear. As soon as Germany surrenders there will be a sharp cut in "take-home" pay. There will be much unemployment. Slogan: **SAVE EVERY CENT YOU CAN, BUY BONDS.**

Birth control should be made retroactive.

Republicans Try to Hide Dirty Work

Washington, D. C.

Nine California Congressmen signified their desire to deny the ballot to servicemen when they voted against a House roll call on the phoney "states rights" soldier voting measure. Thirteen Californians voted for roll call.

Those who want to keep secret their vote on the measure—and who labor therefore knows are going to vote against a method to assure the ballot to servicemen—

Thomas Rolph, Fourth district; Alfred J. Elliott, 10th district; Albert E. Carter, Sixth district; Bertrand W. Gearhart, Ninth district; Carl Hinshaw, 10th district; J. LeRoy Johnson, Third district; Ward Johnson, 18th district; John Phillips, 22nd district; Norris Poulson, 13th district.

All but Elliott are Republicans. The 13 who favored the rollcall are:

John M. Costello, 15th district; Clair Engle, Second district; Thomas F. Ford, 14th district; Chet Holifield, 19th district; Ed V. Izac, 23rd district; Cecil King, 17th district; Clarence Lea, First district; George E. Outland, 11th district; Will Rogers, 16th district; Jerry Voorhis, 12th district; John Z. Anderson and Richard J. Welch.

Only Californian reported not voting was Rep. Harry R. Shepard.



Food Pamphlets Now Free

The war food administration and the Department of Agriculture have put out a number of publications on how to make the most of your food. These pamphlets are brief, clear and easy to read. Many are illustrated and all of them are full of suggestions on how to serve more nutritious meals, lower your food costs and reduce food waste. They are all free for the asking.

Here is a list of some of the pamphlets:

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POEM OF THE WEEK

We've Got a War to Win

By TED TAYLOR

Hollywood, California By the time this is printed Hollywood's latest films will be showing in Germany to English-speaking audiences. And German motion pictures will be showing in this country to German-speaking audiences.

But the labor-baiting press is very well represented, with its syndicated columns of calumny, and editorials spewing venom out of San Simeon and Chicago. And it seems to be perfectly OK for the boys to tune in to network commentators who snipe at our Allies, at labor, and at the commander-in-chief to whom men in uniform owe wartime allegiance.

HITLER'S "LITTLE HELPERS"

There are forces at large—powerful, and thus far apparently immune—who are knowingly impairing the morale of our armed forces by painting lying pictures of home and hearth.

Hitler's one-time little helpers have turned out to be big helpers. With well-circulated words, they are wounding our sons just as surely as are fascist guns. The pen of a "presstitute" can be mightier than an enemy bayonet.

Don't worry, the war is still on. The audiences are prisoners of war. The movie theaters are in prison camps.

Exchange of films has been arranged between Nazi and Allied governments through neutral countries. Films are transported on Red Cross ships and distributed by the Y.M.C.A. world committee in Geneva.

The first 26 American films were shipped to Germany late in January. Italian films were brought into the U. S. some weeks ago and showing to Italian prisoners begun. The first German films are due.

No War Subjects

Our films are 16mm prints contributed by the motion picture industry of recent releases, like those we send to troops overseas. However, by Axis—Allied stipulation, there are no war subjects included.

GLAMOUR FIND. Universal is giving Lou Harding, girl truck driver, a chance to be a movie star. She takes her bow in *Phantom Lady*.

SOLDIER LIKES. Soldiers don't like war pictures, remember? The army reports that the best patronized films in the camp theaters last year were *Guadalcanal Diary*, *Crash Dive*, *Destination Tokyo*, *Air Force* and *Sahara*.

PUBLIC PROTECTED. Before letting the public see the army's film, *Battle of Russia*, there was set out an animated map showing why it was necessary for the security of the Soviet Union to defeat Mannerheim's Finns and enter the Baltic states.

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Reckless Recipe

A nut at the wheel—A peach in his arms—The car makes a turn—Fruit salad!

Did you hear of the Moron—who cut a hole in the rug so he could see the floor show, then covered the hole so he couldn't see the whole show.

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And Without Any 'SNAFU'

London, England In the language of the army, SNAFU has its own special meaning. Translated into laymen's (and family) English, it means Situation Normal, All Fouled Up.

In the army newspaper Stars and Stripes there appeared the results of a poll conducted among officers and men in the European theater of operations under the headline Lest They Forget Back Home, which took up the soldier vote issue. The poll showed the serviceman "would like it well understood at home that he wants no political manipulation to prevent that vote . . . with no SNAFU about it, either."

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YOUR CONGRESSMAN REPORTS

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YOUR DOLLAR
By CONSUMERS UNION

Sheets

Seconds are still being sold as first, Consumers Union found in this year's test of bed sheets. And many do not conform to OPA's requirements for tensile strength for their type—which constitutes a hidden ceiling price violation. There are still some good sheets on the market, however, according to the current Consumer Reports, in which the results of the tests are published.

CU tested 37 brands of sheets for six different factors of weight and strength. CU found some excellent buys at low prices. It also found a number of sheets highly overpriced. Wamsutta Supercal at \$5.75, for example, was of lower quality than seven other percale sheets ranging in price from \$1.98 to \$4.50. Here are a few of the good buys SU discovered:

Muslin: Macy's Mayflower, \$1.96; Fruit of the Loom Extra Weight, \$2.09; Lady Pepperell, \$2.09.

Percale: Pepperell Princess, \$2.69; Macy's Percale, \$1.98; Fieldcrest Duracale, \$2.14; Pequot, \$2.49.

UNIONMADE SHEETS

The following sheets tested by CU are unionmade, under contract with the Textile Workers Union (CIO):

Nashua Mfg. Co.: Dwight Anchorage, Indian Maiden.

Pacific Mills: Truth, Pacific.

Pepperell Mfg. Co.: Lady Pepperell, Peppermint Percale, Duchess, Princess & Peeress.

Pequot Mills: Pequot.

Utica & Mohawk Cotton Mills: Utica.

Wamsutta Mills: Wamsutta Supreme.

Among nonunion-made brands are Cannon and Fruit of the Loom, the TWU reports.

PHONY SULFA REMEDIES

The Food and Drug Administration has moved against one of the many new sulfa products now on the market. They are taking action against the makers of Pso-Ridilid.

A sulfa ointment advertised as a remedy for psoriasis and other skin infections. Label claims for the ointment are false and misleading, the FDA says.

As Consumers Union has pointed out several times, indiscriminating use of sulfa drugs can be dangerous. Use sulfa products only on your doctor's prescription.

SCOURING POWDER

No one brand of scouring powder is suitable for every household use. CU investigators found in their tests of 35 brands. A cleanser suitable for bathroom fixtures is too mild to use on tile floors. No coarse cleaner is safe for aluminum.

Cleansing by scouring powders depends on a double action—mechanical action of an abrasive such as pumice, silica, powdered marble, etc., and chemical action of soap or builder (non-soap cleanser). If the abrasive is too harsh, it will roughen the surfaces of enamel, porcelain or glass and make them harder to clean the next time. Alkalies also are harmful to porcelain enamel sinks and to aluminum, and most scouring powders are alkaline.

CU classified scouring cleansers as mild, moderate and harsh in action. Here are some of the Best Buys in each class:

Mild: Co-op Scouring Cleanser; Crystal White, Sunbrite.

Moderate: Gold Dust, Lighthouse, Red & White, IGA.

Harsh: White Sail, Babbitts, Co-op Red Label.

YOUR DOLLAR is a regular monthly feature. The facts and opinions given are based on Consumer Reports, the monthly magazine of Consumers Union, 17 Union Sq., New York, a non-profit organization whose main object is to safeguard buyers by testing and reporting on consumer goods. Note especially the information on labor conditions under which products are made.

WAR BONDS in Action



Here is the beginning of another trail or highway in the snow-covered forests of Alaska. Tomorrow we will be sending men and supplies via "Alean." Day after day these men fight the elements. Our task is to produce war materials and buy extra War Bonds during the Fourth War Loan.

In Union Circles

SALINAS

First meeting of the labor council in the new Teamsters Hall was a success—and that new hall is a honey, with lots of room and plenty of heat.

Lou Koch, business agent of Carpenters 925, now is a deputy registrar of voters. There's no excuse for any carpenter not being qualified to vote. Remember, if you moved since last election, you must register again. Deadline is April 6—the congressional election is May 16.

The labor council's housing committee has been disbanded now that the council is renting a meeting hall and has given up the labor temple. The committee got a warm vote of thanks for its fine work.

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

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